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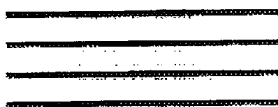
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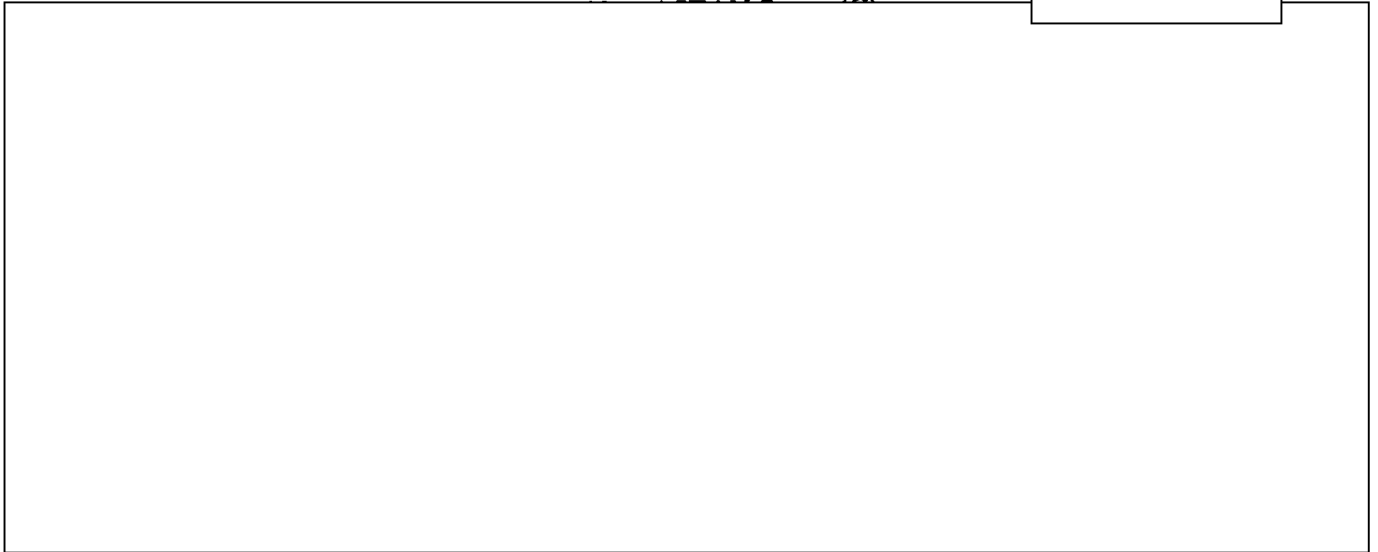
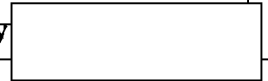
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[] authorities appear ready to crack down on supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri, the embattled leader of the opposition Indonesia Democracy Party (PDI) and the daughter of former President Sukarno. Her loyalists are defying pressure to abandon PDI headquarters in Jakarta and are continuing a monthlong rally protesting her ouster by a government-sponsored rump party congress.

— The head of the armed forces has branded the protesters subversives, and continuation of the rally has been banned.

— *Jakarta may take advantage of extra security forces, brought in for the recently completed meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum, to seize PDI headquarters, end the rally, and install the regime-supported party leaders.* []

Megawati's boosters have called for even bigger rallies this weekend, and signs that they are broadening their agenda beyond the PDI leadership issue to include attacks on the regime's authority will encourage a strong government reaction. [] *A violent confrontation could prompt nationwide sympathy protests by a range of student, labor, and nongovernmental groups that support Megawati.*

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